Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, During the past decade in South Dakota, drinking drivers have killed over nine hundred people and injured thousands more, all because certain drivers discovered their drinking limit by accident; and,

WHEREAS, In South Dakota, over 50 percent of the fatal crashes and 19 percent of the injury crashes are alcohol-related; and,

WHEREAS, Behind all these cold and impersonal statistics lie widowers, widows, orphans, grieving grandparents, and saddened classmates--human beings who suffer personal loss because drinking drivers forgot that cars are not the only things that can be recalled by their maker; and,

WHEREAS, Strengthened by strong and vocal public support, South Dakota's crackdown on drinking drivers has helped drop our traffic fatality count to its lowest level since such record keeping began, making South Dakota highways among the safest in America; and,

WHEREAS, across our state and nation, there is an alarming increase in the number of accidents involving drivers who have used prescription or illegal drugs; and,

WHEREAS, the ultimate solution to the chronic problem of drinking and drugged driving involves heightened public awareness and continued public support for getting these dangerous drivers before they get us:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of December 13 through 19, 1987, as

DRINKING AND DRUGGED DRIVER AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and I join with the President of the United States, the Congress, and legislatures, governors, mayors, town councils, and fellow citizens across America in supporting observances of this week and a rededication to the cause it evokes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE